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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Japanese Patent Publication No. Sho 51-22218 is discussed in the specification, beginning at page 1.

On information and belief, Japanese Patent Publication No. Sho 52-44985 discloses a pedal apparatus comprising a bracket fixed to a vehicle body, a lever rotatably attached to the bracket with a pedal arm rotatably being attached to the lever via a connection portion, and means for fixing the pedal arm at an arbitrary position in fore and aft direction in respect with the lever.

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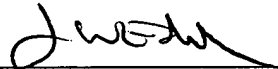
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